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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY THOMAS FROM AMBASSADOR BLAKE

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: MY HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

1. MY HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS WERE REMOVED FROM MY WASHINGTON RESIDENCE ON AUGUST 27. DESPITE THE PASSAGE OF SIX WEEKS, THEY HAVE NEITHER ARRIVED IN REYKJAVIK, NOR DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE A BILL OF LADING INDICATING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SHIPPED. THUS, HARD INFORMATION REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE EFFECTS AND THE TIMING OF THEIR ARRIVAL IS LACKING.

2. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THIS SHOULD BE THE CASE, BUT HAVING SERVED IN THE DEPARTMENT ON MY LAST TOUR FOR OVER SIX YEARS, I HAVE NO DESIRE TO HASSLE MY FORMER COLLEAGUES FOR WHOM MY ESTEEM AS WELL AS MY SYMPATHY REMAIN UNDIMINISHED. HOWEVER, I THINK I DO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO POINT OUT THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF MY EFFECTS THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE REMAINS ONLY BARELY SUITABLE FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES - AND I DO MEAN BARELY. MOREOVER, AS EACH DAY PASSES I AM REMINDED OF HENRY CLAY'S ADVICE TO A PETITIONER AND CONSTITUENT: QUOTE I CANNOT AT THIS JUNCTURE PREDICT THE OUTCOME, BUT I COUNSEL YOU TO CULTIVATE CALMNESS OF MIND AND TO PREPARE FOR THE WORST UNQUOTE.

3. IF I MUST PREPARE FOR THE WORST. PLEASE ADVISE.
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